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DIARY NOTES

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1. [REDACTED] was in to advise me that he had been offered a good job with Aerojet-General Corporation and that he intended to take it. He requested that I put a memorandum in the files indicating that he was not fired from the Agency for inefficiency or substandard performance but that, on the contrary, his job was eliminated. I told him that I would be very glad to do this and have asked [REDACTED] to draft an appropriate letter to Bob, a copy of which will be placed in the files.

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2. [REDACTED] was in to get my permission to go ahead and set up a station in [REDACTED]; I gave him the green light. It will be staffed with seven to nine people.

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3. [REDACTED] also discussed with me briefly the possibility of building a new house at the [REDACTED]. He is very much opposed to spending \$10 or \$15,000 on [REDACTED] old house if we can build another one for something less than \$25,000. I told him that I agreed with this in principle, although I must admit that I had not taken this position before. (I want to speak to Logistics about this at an early date.)

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4. I lunched with Emmett Echols at which time we discussed a number of items:

a. We first discussed Dick Bissell's latest ^{missile} ~~missal~~ on early retirement. Emmett is to draft a proposed memorandum to Dick for my signature pointing out some of the facts to him and, of course, encouraging him to study this matter.

b. I had a considerable discussion with Emmett regarding the lack of activity and effectiveness of the Personnel Development Board. I emphasized that I felt that this should be a full-time Board and that there was plenty of work for it to do. Emmett was quick to admit that he had neglected this matter and that he didn't have anyone working on it. He requested that I loan him [REDACTED] for a couple of months; I agreed to do so, provided Dorothy would like to do this when she returns.

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c. We talked a little bit about the JOT Program and Emmett indicated that he wanted to expand [REDACTED] paper in a discussion which we will have on Friday with Matt Baird.

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5. [REDACTED] was up to brief me on a number of problems:

a. He said that he believed the 'unofficial cover' study in the DD/P Area is really gaining momentum and that we will soon be having a request for

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further assistance in this matter. He has had at least one meeting on this with Dick Bissell and at the moment Dick recognizes that the DD/S is not responsible for his administrative difficulties in this field.

25X1A9a b. Pat is also trying to work out something with [REDACTED] wherein the Support people would be brought into their liaison with the Departments of Defense and State more than is now the case. I told him that I certainly endorsed this and he is trying to get something into a paper which I understand may be coming up later from [REDACTED] in this field.

25X1A9a c. He also said that [REDACTED] is still working on the problem of space outside the new building for the DD/P Area. There is nothing firm on this yet. I told him that we would be glad to do our best for them when we receive their requirements.

d. Pat called to my attention the fact that our advances are more delinquent than healthy. Advances to Agents are running 25 per cent delinquent; our own employees, 14 per cent, and projects, 8 or 9 per cent. He hopes to tighten up these procedures and bring this percentage down considerably in the near future.

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6. I had several conversations with [REDACTED] about preparations for Mr. McCone's reception, but I believe that all of these have been taken care of and need not be recorded here.

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